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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS: CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAM

REF: A) STATE 106179; B) STATE 109573; C) ANKARA 3279.

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S TESTIMONY ON BEHALF ADMINISTRATION'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAM BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY 2 AND SCHEDULED MARK-UP OF GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS PORTIONS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL BEFORE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY 3-4, DEPT BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL

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THAT WE BE ABLE TO GIVE AS CLEAR AND PRECISE INDICATION AS POSSIBLE OF TURKISH INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO RESUMED CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE IN ADDITION TO CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFS A AND B ALSO TAKE UP FOLLOWING ON MAY 1 WITH OKCUN, ECEVIT OR ELEKDAG.

2. PLEASE STRESS THAT SECRETARY, DEPUTY SECRETARY

CHRISTOPHER AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO PREPARE GROUND FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF EMBARGO REPEAL AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM. WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY RESULTS BUT MUCH FURTHER WORK WILL BE REQUIRED. PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 2 WILL BE CRUCIAL

IN BOTH SENATE AND HOUSE.

3. THERE ARE MANY IN CONGRESS WHO CLEARLY WANT TO SUPPORT PROGRAM BUT FEEL FOR THEIR OWN REASONS THAT SOME CLEAR TURKISH ACTION OR UNDERTAKING WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS WOULD GIVE THEM A HANDLE TO JUSTIFY TO THEMSELVES SUPPORTING ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS. AS WE HAVE INDICATED MANY TIMES, WE ARE NOT SEEKING TO MAKE SUCH A LINKAGE BUT FOR MANY IT EXISTS AS RELEVANT FACT.

4. WE WOULD LIKE THEREFORE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON MAY 2 SAY (WITH TURKISH AGREEMENT) SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. WE WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME TURKISH COUNTER-SUGGESTIONS ON EACH OF THESE POINTS.

A. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT WHEN CYPRUS INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS RESUME TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL BE PREPARED TO GO WELL BEYOND INITIAL PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO UNSYG WALDHEIM APRIL 13 AND THAT THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE AND FORTHCOMING.

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B. WITH RESPECT TO TERRITORY, WHILE TURKISH CYPRIOTS DID NOT DISCUSS PERCENTAGES WITH WALDHEIM, WE HAVE NOTED APRIL 26 ARTICLE IN TURKISH NEWSPAPER, MILLIYET, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS BASED ON OFFICIAL SOURCES, WHICH INDICATED THAT INITIAL PROPOSALS WOULD LEAVE TURKISH CYPRIOT ZONE WITH 32 PERCENT OF ISLAND. OUR IMPRESSION FURTHER IS THAT STARTING FROM THIS INITIAL POSITION TURKISH SIDE IN COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IS THINKING IN TERMS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT ZONE REDUCED WELL BELOW THAT FIGURE.

C. WITH REGARD TO VAROSHA, TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE SUGGESTED WAYS FOR MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS -- 30,000 IS THE NUMBER FREQUENTLY MENTIONED -- TO RETURN AND THEY APPARENTLY ENVISA;; VAROSHA WILL EVENTUALLY BE UNDER GREEK ADMIN.

5. IN CARRYING OUT FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE ONCE AGAIN CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE TURKISH SUGGESTIONS (ANKARA 2610) WHICH WERE FULLY USED IN SECRETARY'S HIRC TESTIMONY APRIL 6. PRESENT EFFORT IS INTENDED TO SEE WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO GO SOMEWHAT FURTHER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT FOUR WEEKS HAVE PASSED AND THAT SFRC WILL BE

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